MINUTES

—OF THE—

Chickasaw Baptist Association,

—AT ITS—

FORTY-SIXTH SESSION,

—HELD WITH—

MOUNT PLEASANT CHURCH, WALLERVILLE,

September 18, 19, 20, 21, 1885.

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MINUTES.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

Wallerville, September 18, 1885.

The delegates composing the Forty-sixth Session of the Chickasaw Association met with the Mount Pleasant Church on Friday before the third Sabbath in September, A. D., 1885.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. C. W. Smith. Text: Romans, viii: 16 and 17. Subject, "Children of God." After preaching, the congregation was dismissed until 2 o'clock p. m.

Evening Session.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator read the 133d Psalm. Prayer by Eld. L. Ball.

The letters from the churches composing the Association were called for and read by Elders G. W. Potter and D. C. M. Bigham, who were appointed by the Moderator as Reading Clerks.

The Association proceeded to elect officers to serve for the next year—Elders W. E. Berry and L. R. Burrus acting as tellers.

Result as follows: Eld. J. T. Pitts, Moderator; N. M. Berry, Treasurer, and W. U. Hampton Clerk.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following committees, viz:

To arrange Order of Business—Elders G. W. Potter, D. C. M. Bigham, T. Smith, and brethren N. M. Berry and E. Y. Reaves.

On Devotional Exercises—Brethren W. L. Souter, W. B. Dickson, with the Deacons of Mount Pleasant Church.

On motion, petitionary letters were called for, when a letter from Macedonia Church was presented and read, which, on motion, was unanimously received into the Association, and the right hand of welcome extended to the delegates by the Moderator.

Committee to Arrange Order of Business submitted a partial report, and reserved the right to finish the report to-morrow.

The following resolution was read and adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Association meet on Saturday and Monday at 9 o'clock a. m., and spend ½ hour in Devotional exercises; adjourn at 12 o'clock m., meet at 1½ o'clock p. m., and adjourn at 4 o'clock p. m.

Committee on Devotional Exercises submitted the following partial report, viz:

To preach at Wallerville School-house Saturday at 11 o'clock, Eld. D. E. Gambrell; and at 1 o'clock, Eld. F. M. Ferrell.

Called for Correspondents, when the following responded, viz:

From the State Convention Board, and Baptist Record—Eld. L. Ball.

Tishomingo Association—Elders L. R. Burrus and J. S. Berry.

Tippah Association—Elders J. E. Buchanan, H. L. Finley, W. E. Berry and Bro. W. H. M. Durham.

On motion, adjourned till 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Prayer by Eld. L. R. Burrus.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment; half hour spent in devotional exercises conducted by by Eld. L. R. Burrus.

Minutes of Friday read and adopted.

On motion, a committee to nominate a place to hold the next meeting of this body was appointed, to report Monday. Committee—Eld. J. H. Morgan, and brethren F. Souter, H. D. Blaylock, J. R. Hill and J. Baker.

Committee on Order of Business recommended that the Association adopt the same order as last year. Carried.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended, and a committee appointed to devise a more systematic plan, to submit to the churches, of raising finances for Associational purposes.

On motion, the regular order was again suspended and the following appointments of Correspondents made, to-wit:

Calhoun Association—Elders D. E. Gambrell and F. M. Ferrell.

Tippah Association—Elders D. C. M. Bigham, I. Smith and Bro. H. D. Blaylock.

Judson Association—Elders J. T. Pitts, I. Smith and Brethren C. O. Potter, W. A. Funk and W. L. Souter.

West Judson Association—Elders J. T. Pitts, and Brethren W. A. Funk, W. L. Souter, T. D. Brandon and N. M. Berry.

Oxford Association—Elders I. M. Gray and D. E. Gambrell, and Brethren W. B. Dickson and John Buse.

Coldwater Association—Elders A. J. Gaines, I. Smith and J. H. Morgan, and Brethren H. D. Blaylock and J. T. Brown.

Tishomingo Association—Elders J. T. Pitts and F. M. Ferrell, and Brethren S. J. Fitzgerald and W. R. Spencer.

Baptist State Convention—The Moderator appointed each and every Minister in the Association, who is Pastor of a church, as a

corresponding messenger to this body, and also, Brethren N. M. Berry, F. Souter, W. L. Souter, H. D. Blaylock, G. A. Logan and J. T. Brown.

The committee to devise a systematic plan of raising finance, submitted the following, which after discussion by Elders G. W. Potter, J. H. Morgan, J. S. Berry, L. R. Burrus, J. T. Pitts, W. E. Berry and Bro. F. Souter, and a slight change in the wording, was, on motion, adopted, to-wit:

A PLAN FOR THE SYSTEMATIC MANAGEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL INTERESTS OF THE CHURCHES COMPOSING THE CHICKASAW BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

PREFACE.

We as an Association are not unmindful of the fact that as an organized body, we have no right to dictate or legislate for the churches we represent; but we do always recognize the independence of each church. Yet it is our privilege and duty to counsel and advise for the good of any and all the churches we may represent. And we think it not presumptious to claim, that as an Association, we represent more intelligence and wisdom than any one church composing the Association; therefore, it is suitable and reasonable that the churches should highly esteem any plan which the Association may recommend for the prosecution of the glorious work committed to us by our Divine Master. And it is a sad fact that our churches generally have no definite or settled plan for the management of their financial interests. Therefore, after mature and prayerful consideration, we do most heartily recommend to our churches the following plan which seems to us just and practical because scriptural.

PLAN.

1. Let each church decide what financial work she will attempt; such as Pastor's salary, expenses of building, repairing, etc.; support of the needy in the church, if any; Home or State Missions, Foreign Missions, etc.

2. Agree upon a certain amount to be paid annually to the church, by each member, both male and female; or one amount for each male member, and another for each female, and inform every person who joins the church of this rule.

3. Have it specified that the Deacons of each church, with such other members as the church may select to assist when assistance may be necessary, constitute the financial agency of the church, and make it their duty to ask an advalorem contribution from each member for the support of the work the church undertakes; and make it the duty of every member to give the value of all property they claim as their own, and to pay to the Deacons the amount they may ask as the church may direct.

4. Have set times for payment to each specified object.

SCRIPTUAL AUTHORITIES.

N. T. Ref. 1st Cor. ix:11, 13, 14; Luke x:3, 7; Gall. vi:6.
N. T. Ref. 1st Cor. xvi:1, 2; 2d Cor. viii:11, 14.
O. T. Ref. Num. xviii:8, 19; Deut. xviii:1, 2.
Deacons, 1st Tim. iii:13; Acts vi. chapter.

G. W. POTTER, W. L. SOUTER,
D. C. M. BINGHAM, WM. PARKS,
T. M. GRAY, *Committee.*

Elder C. W. Smith read the report on State Missions, and after remarks by Elder L. Ball, the Association adjourned until 1:30 p. m; prayer by Elder J. S. Berry.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder W. E. Berry.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises submitted the following report of appointments for preaching, to-wit:

Sunday 11 o'clock at Mt. Pleasant—Elder L. Ball.
Sunday 11 o'clock at Cherry Creek—Elder W. E. Berry.
Sunday 11 o'clock at Mt. Giliad—Elder J. E. Buchanan.
Sunday 11 o'clock at Liberty—Elder L. R. Burrus.
Sunday 11 o'clock at New Harmony—Elder I. M. Gray.
Sunday 11 o'clock at Hopewell—Elder R. J. Pickens.
Sunday night at Mt. Pleasant—Elder C. W. Smith.
Sunday night at Liberty—Elder F. M. Ferrell.
Monday 11 o'clock at Wallerville School-house—Elder W. P. Hutchinson.
Monday 2 o'clock at Wallerville School-house—Elder G. E. Murphey.

Resumed discussion of the report on State Missions; speeches were made by Elders L. Ball, G. W. Potter, J. S. Berry and Bro. W. H. M. Durham, at which time Elder G. W. Potter placed at the disposal of Elder L. Ball, a beautiful bed-spread, presented to the Association by Sister J. A. Gray, to be used in the interest of missions. It was bought by the Association for the sum of $5.15, the money to go for missions; the spread to be quilted by the sisters of Mt Pleasant Church, and placed in the hands of Elder L. Ball for the use of the young ministers at Mississippi College, if needed by them; otherwise, to be used as he thinks best. Also a cash collection was taken up for State Missions amounting to $3.55.

Elder H. L. Finley presented the old ring which has so long been the property of the Association, which on motion was ordered to be returned, through Elder H. L. Finley, to the family of the deceased sister, who now reside in Arkansas, with a statement

of what money had been produced by it, for the cause of missions.

On motion, leave of absence was granted to brethren W. C. Gillen, L. Stephens, J. P. Tate and J. P. Anderson.

On motion, the report on State Missions was adopted, to-wit:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Dear brethren: Your Committee on State Missions beg leave to report our Home or State Mission work is very encouraging, notwithstanding we have had some drawbacks; our financial embarrassments were very discouraging; but thank God the debt has been reduced to ($1265.45,) twelve hundred and sixty-five dollars and forty-five cents. Now, brethren and sisters, let us pay this at once. We see from the report of Bro. Ball at the State Convention, that some missionaries were called in because of a want of money, not because they were not needed in the field. Oh! brethren, do you believe that the Saviour will continue to bless us if we continue to do this way? He requires us to give as He has prospered us. II Cor. IX: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. We believe that the Board and the Secretary have done all they could under the circumstances. We, the Baptists of the State of Mississippi, ought not to paralyize the energies of the Board and Secretary because of our indifference in regard to putting money in their hands; we fear that if we withhold the Lord's rent He may withhold his blessing from us. We see from the apportionment of the Convention Board, the old Chickasaw Association will be expected to give ($500 00) five hundred dollars this Conventional year for State Missions, which is but a mite apiece. Surely out of twenty-seven hundred and eighteen members we can raise five hundred dollars for State Missions. Now make the calculation, brethren and sisters, and see how much apiece it will be: we think then that we will feel ashamed that it is so little, and then remember the *golden rule*.

May the good Lord help us to make this matter a subject of prayer and thought.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. SMITH, Chairman.

Elder D. E. Gambrell read the report on Mississippi College, and after remarks by Elder L. R. Burrus, adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder D. E. Grambrell.

SUNDAY AT MOUNT PLEASANT.

At 10 o'clock Bro. Thos. Smith arranged his class and entertained the congregation for one hour with beautiful strains of vocal music, which were truly sung in the spririt and the understanding, and for once God was glorified in song.

At 11 o'clock Elder L. Ball preached to a very large and attentive audience. Text: 1st John 1:7. Subject, "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin."

At night, Elder C. W. Smith preached to a large, orderly congregation. Text: John vi:53. Subject, "Eating and Drinking."

MONDAY MORNING.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. One-half hour spent in devotional exercises conducted by Elder L. Ball.

Minutes of Saturday read and approved.

On motion, the report on Education was read by Bro. N. M. Berry, to be discussed in conjunction with the report on Mississippi College. After remarks by Elders L. Ball, Sam. Stewart, G. W. Potter and Bro. W. H. M. Durham, the reports were, on motion, adopted, to-wit:

REPORT ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

This institution of learning belongs to the Baptists of Mississippi. It greatly needs an endowment. The Board of Trustees have determined to raise an endowment of $25,000; and to accomplish this an agent has been continued in the field. Should this amount be realized it could be invested so as to bring in an income sufficient to meet the constantly recurring deficits. One thousand Baptists in the State who would give twenty-five dollars each toward the endowment would make the desired amount. How easy it would be to raise the amount if all our brethren could know its importance to our denominational welfare. Let us turn our attention to Mississippi College, for it is destined to be, if properly supported, the indirect educator of the future Baptists of this and other States. The strong men that have already come forth from her halls of learning, are scattered all around the world. Give her an endowment and her success is assured for all time to come. From thirty to forty young ministers receive instruction at her hands annually. They pay no tuition. Is it possible for a few professors to give so much time and labor for the benefit of the church and the world, and our brethren throughout the State sit idly by and see them struggle from year to year? Let us help the college by our means, our patronage and our prayers. Let us send our sons there where they will be free from the temptations common to college life, and will receive a higher education than they can secure at any other school for the same money. The work of ministerial education, we are glad to say, is being appreciated and encouraged more and more by our people. This is hopeful, for as a rule our

churches are developed in all departments of christian work, in proportion to the development of their pastors. If our preachers and leaders of our people will but take the high ground for christian education, the people will follow. Endow Mississippi College, and you will have raised a monument more enduring than marble, brass or stone, and will reflect the wisdom, intelligence and piety of the Baptists of Mississippi for all time to come. Let us educate hands, heads, and hearts, for the good of the people and the glory of God.

Respectfully submitted,

D. E. GAMBRELL, Ch'rn.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

In educating our children, we train their mental powers, we inform their understanding, and thus fit them for usefulness in life. To neglect or fail to educate those whom God has given us, is to neglect or fail to discharge a sacred duty we owe to them as much as to society.

Then let us sustain and foster the good schools we have and endeavor to build up others, that facilities may not be wanting, within easy reach of all.

But while we are interested in education in general, we, as a denomination, are particularly interested in the education of our young ministers. The world moves on. Progress seems to have have been the motto of the people of these United States, especially during the present half century. The time has been, and yet is, when a minister can be useful with a limited education; but the same good brethren could perhaps double their usefulness if they had been equipped by education for their work. Our young ministers must be educated in order to meet current errors, and to wield an influence for God and truth; to enter and be useful in our great centers of influence.

Respectfully submitted,

N. M. BERRY, Chr'n.

The following amounts were pledged to pay expenses of Bro. A. J Jones, who has recently been licensed to preach, to Mississippi College, to-wit:

N. M. Berry	$25 00	A. C. Russell	$ 2 50
R. J. Pickens	10 00	J. T. Brown	5 00
F. Souter	10 00	D. E. Gambrell	2 50
W. M. Parks	5 00	J. H. Morgan	5 00
W. S. Parks	5 00	Sister A. J. Daniel	1 00
J. A. Rodgers	5 00	Friendship Church	5 00
G. W. Potter	5 00	Mt. Pleasant Church	5 00
S. E. Bigham	2 50	Mt. Pisgah Church	5 00
H. P. Wells	2 50	Ladies M. S., Cherry Creek	5 00
Total			$106 00

The above amounts to be sent to Bro. N. M. Berry, at Cherry Creek, as soon as possible.

Called for reports on Sabbath Schools, Foreign Missions and Temperance, and they not being ready, passed to report on State of Religion, when Elder I. M. Gray read the following, which, on motion, was adopted, to-wit:

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

We your Committee beg leave to make the following report: From reading the letters from the churches there seems to be a good state of feeling existing among them, and great revivals among their members. There is not as many baptisms reported this year as heretofore, still there has been a great ingathering in some of the churches. Several churches have been prevented from holding their meetings on account of sickness. Let us, brethren, press on, and pray more, and do more.

Respectfully submitted.

I. M. GRAY, Chr'n.

Bro. W. H. Seale read the following report on Documents and Publications, which, after remarks by Elders L. Ball and G. W. Potter, was, on motion, adopted, to-wit:

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS.

We recommend the brethren to take the *Baptist Record*, the *Temperance Baptist* and other publications of the Society, of Memphis, the *Foreign Mission Journal* and *Kind Words*. That the clerk superintend the printing and distributing the minutes of the Association, and that he have so much of the proceedings of the Union meetings published as relates to the time and place of meeting; also the names of brethren appointed to preach stated sermons, those to write essays and the queries selected for discussion, and that he be allowed $7.50 for his services.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. SEALE, Chr'n.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended and the Moderator appointed the following Committee on Finance, to wit: H. D. Blaylock, J. H. Goolsby, E. Y. Reaves.

On motion, Elder L. Ball was allowed to present the plan of work recommended by the Baptist State Convention; which he did in a short speech; at the close of which he submitted to the Association, the following preamble and resolutions, which, after some inquiry and speeches by different brethren, was, on motion, adopted, to wit:

WHEREAS, The Baptist State Convention, at its last session, consolidated the entire work of the same by putting it all under one Board, and under one Secretary, thus reducing the expenses of collecting, and so arranging the work as to take collections for all the objects by quarterly collections; and

WHEREAS, Certain amounts have been prorated to this Association by said Board for the various objects of the Convention; therefore—

Resolved 1st. That we co-operate with the Convention on the new plan of the work.

Resolved 2d. That we accept the amounts prorated to this Association and undertake to raise them, viz: $500 for State Missions; $200 for Foreign Missions; $200 for Mississippi College and Ministerial Education; $75 for Home Missions of the Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and $25 for Sustentations.

Resolved 3d, That a judicious committee of three be raised to report at this meeting a suitable prorate of the above amounts to the churches according to their financial strength, and that the pastors and active members be urged to make an earnest effort to raise the same.

Association adjourned till 1:30 o'clock p. m. Prayer by Elder L. Ball.

MONDAY EVENING.

The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder A. J. Gaines.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following Associational Committee, viz: F. Souter, J. T. Brown and N. M. Berry.

Called for report on Sabbath Schools, when it was ascertained that the chairman was sick, consequently no report.

Elder G. W. Potter read the following report on Foreign Mission, when Bro. N. M. Berry presented a beautiful lambriquin as a contribution to that cause by Miss Sallie Smith, which was bought by the Association for the sum of five dollars, the money to be used for Foreign Missions, and the lambriquin to be presented to sister Adline Pitts. After remarks by Elder L. Ball and Bro. F. Souter, the report was, on motion, adopted, to-wit:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The vast heathen world that to-day is claiming the attention of Christians, is made up of about 1,000,000,000 human beings who are without God and without hope in the world. How appalling to think that these would make more than one thousand States with a population each equal to that of Mississippi; and yet no Gospel, no hope of a better life. Something has been done, and is being done, towards sending the Gospel to these perishing millions, but when all the evangelists of all protestant denominations are counted, who are in Foreign fields, there is in China, to say nothing of the vast continent of Africa, more than 1,000,000 people to each missionary.

Our Southern Board has in its employ about 100 missionaries and assistants, male and female, who have laid themselves upon the altar of sacrifice. The labors of these faithful ones have been

greatly blessed. How few go to preach to these heathen nations! Look at some figures. How many go from us to preach to them. People without the Gospel:

Chinese Empire—400,000,000; 10 ministers; 15 ladies.
Turkey in Asia—13,500,000.
Japan—33,000,000.
Hindostan—180,500.000.
Others of Asia—124,000,000.
Islands—10,000,000.
Africa—191,000,000; 5 ministers; 8 ladies.
Italy—26,789,000; 2 ministers; 1 lady.
Mexico—9,000,000; 3 ministers; 6 ladies.
Brazil—11,780,000; 2 ministers; 2 ladies.
Others of South America—16,812,000; not one.

What do we give in one year, to have these missionaries, with 44 native ministers and assistants, preach the gospel? The amount is $80,465.87, or eight cents each. How can we help the work if we cannot go?

1st. Give regularly, liberally and cheerfully to the Foreign Mission work. Ref. Phil. iv:15, 16; 2d Cor. xi:8, 9.

2d. Pray daily that the gospel may be speedily preached to all the nations, and accepted wherever heard. Pray also for the lives and comfort of the missionaries, their access to the people, and their spiritual power. 2d Thess. iii:1, 2.

3d. Advocate the work. Having learned from God's word, the condition of the heathen and the duty of Christians to them, urge these things in the spirit of Jesus, upon Christians wherever you can, and especially upon your own church. 2d Peter i:13.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. POTTER,
I. SMITH,
B. J. CALDWELL,
Committee.

The Treasurer submitted the following:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

N. M. BERRY, Treasurer.

In Account Chickasaw Association:

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Oct.	16—	To cash from	Cherry Creek church	$25 10
Jan.	6—	" "	Cherry Creek church	31 35
May	—	" "	Cherry Creek church	56 50
April	7—	" "	Shady Grove church	1 75
April	8—	" "	Oak Grove church	10 00
May	25—	" "	Duncan's Creek church	5 00
June	26—	" "	Philadelphia church	8 00
June	13—	" "	Miss F. Goodman	1 00
July	11—	" "	Mt. Pleasant church	3 00

July	11—	To cash	from	L. M. S., Cherry Creek	10 00
Jan.	6—	"	"	Shady Grove church	7 25
Jan.	6—	"	"	Mt. Pleasant church	5 00
Jan.	6—	"	"	Bethel church, L. C	6 00
Jan.	6—	"	"	Spring Hill church	5 00
Jan.	5—	"	"	Toccopola church	21 40
Jan.	5—	"	"	Fredonia church	2 50
April	9—	"	"	Bethel church, L. C	6 00
April	29—	"	"	Spring Hill church	5 00
July	6—	"	"	Philadelphia church	12 00
July	7—	"	"	Bethel church, L. C	7 35
July	24—	"	"	Mt. Pisgah church	5 00
July	24—	"	"	Shiloh church	2 85
July	24—	"	"	Toccopola church	32 50
July	24—	"	"	Fredonia church	5 00
July	24—	"	"	L. M. S., Fredonia church	5 00
July	24—	"	"	J. M. Hill	5 00
July	24—	"	"	Bethel church, L. C	4 00
Sept.	19—	"	"	Liberty church	10 00
Sept.	19—	"	"	Midway church	5 00
Sept.	19—	"	"	Duncan's Creek church	5 00
Sept.	19—	"	"	J. R. Hill	2 00
Sept.	19—	"	"	New Albany church	2 00
Sept.	19—	"	"	New Hope church	3 50
Sept.	19—	"	"	Union church	5 00
Sept.	19—	"	"	Zion church	5 00
Sept.	19—	"	"	Temperance Hill church	10 30
Sept.	19—	"	"	Spring Creek church	7 00
Sept.	19—	"	"	Salem church	2 00
Sept.	19—	"	"	Sale sister Gray's quilt	5 15
Sept.	19—	"	"	Public collection	3 55
Sept.	19—	"	"	Poplar Springs church	5 00
Sept.	19—	"	"	" " " for Foreign Missions	1 25
Sept.	19—	"	"	Cherry Creek " " "	32 80
Sept.	19—	"	"	Temperance Hill " " "	5 00
Sept.	19—	"	"	C. W. Smith " " "	8 40
Sept.	19—	"	"	Mt. Pleasant " " "	7 85
Sept.	19—	"	"	Sale Miss Sallie Smith's lambriquin, for Foreign Missions	5 00
July	—	"	"	Cherry Creek church, for Miss. College	15 00
Sept.	—	"	"	Midway " " " "	2 00
Sept.	—	"	"	Philadelphia " " " "	10 00
Sept.	—	"	"	Mt. Pleasant " " " "	10 00
Sept.	—	"	"	Spring Creek " " " "	5 00
				Total	$461 35

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				By amount paid G. W. Leavell, Treasurer State Mission Board at sundry times	$288 55
April	19	— By amount sent		Rev. H. A. Tupper	32 80
July	25—	"	"	Rev. Geo. Whitfield	8 40
Sept.	20—	"	"	Rev. Geo. Whitfield, by L. Ball	11 25
July	24—	"	"	Rev. W. S. Webb	15 00
Sept.	21—	"	"	Rev. W. S. Webb, by L. Ball	2 00
Sept.	21—	"	"	Convention Board, by L. Ball	70 50

May 21—	"	"	"	Elder I. H. Anding and Webb..... 25 0
May —	"	"	"	Rev. H. A. Tupper..... 7 8
Total.....				$461 3

Respectfully submitted,

N. M. BERRY, Treasurer.

The committee appointed to nominate a place for holding the next Association, submitted the following, which, on motion, was adopted, to-wit:

Your Committee on Nominations, recommend that the next Association be held with the church at Cherry Creek, and that Elder F. M. Ferrell preach the introductory sermon, and Elder I. M. Gray, alternate.

FRANK SOUTER, Chr'n.

The Associational Committee submitted the following, which, on motion, was adopted, to-wit:

Your Committee appointed to prorate among the churches of this Association the amount asked from it by the Conventional Board, recommend that each church raise the amount opposite her name, to-wit:

Amaziah.....	$38 00	New Albany.....	24 00
Abbeville.....	28 40	Oak Grove.....	46 40
Antioch.....	22 40	Poplar Springs.....	23 60
Bethel, L. C.....	36 40	Pleasant Ridge.....	50 00
Bethel, U. C.....	38 00	Pleasant Hill.....	64 80
Bluff Springs.....	24 80	Philadelphia.....	41 61
Cypress Creek.....	15 60	Piney Grove.....	14 00
Cherry Creek.....	72 00	Pleasant Dale.....	14 40
Cary Springs.....	16 00	Spring Hill.....	39 60
Duncan's Creek.....	38 40	Shiloh.....	43 60
Friendship.....	18 40	Shady Grove.....	28 80
Fredonia.....	34 40	Salem.....	25 20
Liberty.....	30 80	Spring Creek.....	41 60
Mt. Pleasant.....	57 20	Temperance Hill.....	12 80
Mt. Pisgah.....	48 00	Toccopola.....	34 80
Midway.....	29 20	Union.....	35 20
Macedonia.....	9 20	Zion Hill.....	20 40
New Hope.....	40 00		

Respectfully submitted,

F. SOUTER, Chairman.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which, on motion, was adopted, to-wit:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your Committee ask leave to report the following amounts sent up for minutes, viz:

CHURCH.		CHURCH.	
Amaziah.....	$ 1 50	New Hope.....	
Abbeville.....	1 40	Oak Grove.....	65
Antioch.....	40	Poplar Springs.....	50

Bethel, L. C	70	Pleasant Ridge	80
Bethel, U. C		Pleasant Hill	1 20
Bluff Springs	1 10	Philadelphia	1 50
Cypress Creek		Piney Grove	1 30
Cary Springs		Pleasant Dale	
Cherry Creek	2 75	Spring Hill	
Duncan's Creek	1 20	Shiloh	1 85
Fredonia	85	Shady Grove	60
Friendship	85	Spring Creek	1 25
Liberty	1 55	Salem	50
Mt. Pleasant	2 10	Temperance Hill	95
Mt. Pisgah	70	Toccopola	1 80
Midway	1 50	Union	1 70
Macedonia	60	Zion Hill	50
New Albany	75		
Total			$33 05

Respectfully submitted,

E. Y. Reaves, Chairman.

The Moderator appointed the following committees, or brethren, to write on the subjects in stated connection with their names, to-wit:

State Missions—Elder D. C. M. Bigham.
Foreign Missions—Elder C. W. Smith.
Mississippi College and Education—Elder G. W. Potter.
Sabbath Schools—Elder A. J. Gaines.
State of Religion—Elder I. Smith.
Documents and Publication—W. L. Souter.
Temperance—Elder F. M. Ferrell.

The following resolution was read and unanimously adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That our thanks are hereby tendered to the people of this community for their hospitable entertainment during our session.

Roll called, and minutes read and approved.

On motion, adjourned to meet with Cherry Creek Church on Friday before the third Sabbath in September, 1886, at 11 o'clock a. m. Prayer by Elder C. W. Smith.

Thus closed the Forty sixth session of the old Chickasaw Association.

J. T. PITTS, Moderator.

W. U. Hampton, Clerk.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call for petitionary letters.
2. Call for correspondents.
3. Determine place of holding next session of this body.
4. Elect a minister to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next Association.
5. Call for reports of Standing Committees, viz:
   1. State Missions.
   2. Mississippi College.
   3. Education.
   4. Sabbath Schools.
   5. Foreign Missions.
   6. Temperance.
   7. State of Religion.
   8. Documents and Publications.
6. Report on Finance.
7. Report of Treasurer.
8. Appoint Correspondents.
9. Appoint Standing Committees.
10. General Business and Resolutions.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Names.	Postoffice.	Names.	Postoffice.
E. McGregory	Toccopola	W. H. Miller	Oxford
C. W. Smith	Toccopola	F. M. Vines	Dallas
F. M. Ferrell	Toccopola	James L. Furguson	Dallas
G. W. Potter	Cherry Creek	G. J. Robbins	Esperanza
J. T. Pitts	Cherry Creek	H. L. Kidd	Esperanza
D. C. M. Bigham	Cherry Creek	J. H. Morgan	Bethlehem
I. Smith	Wallerville	Wm. Langston	New Albany
J. A. Johnson	Randolph	J. R. Johnson	Rocky Ford
Thos. Gorley	Randolph	A. J. Gaines	Waterford
J. P. Johnson	Randolph	J. P. Rodgers	Waterford
R. J. Pickens	Darden	D. E. Gambrell	Holders
J. N. Swain	Darden	G. E. Murphey	Lafayette Springs
I. M. Gray	Darden		

LICENTIATES.

J. M. Cleveland	New Albany	E. C. Mahan	Toccopola
R. M. Bell	Pontotoc	W. P. Winters	Denmark
W. L. Mullens	Dallas	W. P. Hutchinson	Holders
W. F. Butler	Hickory Flat	J. L. C. Vann	Abbeville
J. M. Huckaby	Molino	T. J. Verner	Randolph
P. P. Watts	Dallas	Bennett Tutor	Randolph
G. N. Williams	Graham	J. H. Ray	Toccopola
A. J. Jones	Wallerville		

UNION MEETING OF THE FIRST DISTRICT.

The Union meeting of the First District of the Chickasaw Association will meet with New Hope church, Pontotoc county, on Thursday before the first Sabbath in August, 1886. Elder J. T. Pitts to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder Isaac Smith, alternate.

The following brethren were appointed to write essays on the subjects mentioned, viz :

1st. The value of the Sacred Scriptures, and necessity of teaching them to our children--N. M. Berry.

2d. The best method of studying and teaching Bible Doctrines—Elder D. C. M. Bigham.

3d. The Bible plan for extending and supporting the Mission work by the churches—S. J. Fitzgerald.

4th. Our duty to the poor—W. L. Souter.

5th. The Christian Sabbath, and how it should be observed by Christians—Elder G. W. Potter.

6th. Exegisis on Matthew, 18th chapter, 15th to 18th verses—Dr. B. F. Leavell.

7th. The importance of a higher standard of morality among the young men of our country—V. B. Tucker.

8th. Prayer—Dr. A. B. Knox.

9th. What good has come of the agitation of the Temperance question—J. A. Rodgers.

10th. The importance of Ministerial Education—T. J. Swain.

QUERIES.

1st. Is it right to hold union protracted meetings with other denominations?

2d. What position should Christians take on the question of Prohibition?

Elder ISAAC SMITH, Moderator.

N. M. Berry, Clerk.

UNION MEETING OF THE SECOND DISTRICT.

The Union meeting of the Second District will meet with Shiloh church, Lafayette county, on Thursday before the second Sabbath in August, 1886. Elder I. M. Gray to preach the introductory sermon, and W. P. Hutchinson, alternate. Elder T. J. Gorley to preach on the duties of ministers and deacons.

The following brethren were appointed to write essays on the subjects mentioned, viz:

1st. Is it scripturally right for sister churches to commune together?— F. Souter.

2d. Who are the Missionary Baptists and whence came they— I. M. Gray.

3d. Temperance—E. C. Mahan.

4th. Christian Hope—J. W. Powell.

5th. Sabbath Schools—W. P. Hutchinson.

QUERIES.

1st. Is it right for us as Baptists to preach pulpit affiliation with other denominations?

2d. Have we Scripture for foot-washing?

3d. Is this Union meeting a benefit to the cause or not?

FRANK SOUTER, Moderator.

M. A. PATTERSON, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Postoffice.	Names of Delegates.	Baptized	Received by letter	Excluded	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Died	Total membership	Paid Pastor	Paid for State Missions	Paid for Foreign Missions	Paid for Miss. College and Ministerial Education.	Expended on church building.	Total paid to different objects.	Sabbath of meeting.
											$	$	$	$	$	$	2d.
Amaziah	I. M. Gray	Cornersville	I. M. Gray, W. C. Gillen, J. R. Ruff	9	7	2	..	5	2	105							2d.
Abbeville	W. I. Hargis	Abbeville	W. C. Stacy, J. L. Logan	..	3	..	..	10	2	60	....	....	....	....	....	5 00	4th.
Antioch	J. D. Morton	Bethlehem	W. T. Gundy	2	1	..	..	5	..	55	....	5 00	....	....	....	117 50	1st.
Bethel, L. C.	C. W. Smith	Oxford	S. H. Short	13	3	..	..	16	..	94	100 00	17 50	....	....	....	....	....
Bethel				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	2d.
Bluff Springs	W. H. Miller	Denmark	A. N. Singleton	2	3	4	..	..	1	60	....	....	....	....	....	....	4th.
Cypress Creek	J. L. Furguson	Liberty Hill	J. W. Gardner	..	3	..	1	3	1	37	....	....	....	....	....	....	2d.
Cherry Creek	J. S. Berry	Cherry Creek	J. T. Pitts, D. C. M. Bigham, N. M. Berry	3	1	1	..	8	..	172	185 00	114 15	32 80	22 25	....	354 20	2d.
Cary Springs				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Duncan's Creek	J. T. Pitts	Thaxton	W. B. Dickson	..	..	..	..	2	..	95	....	....	....	....	....	....	3d.
Friendship	C. W. Smith	Cherry Creek	T. R. Black, F. M. Bigham	14	3	..	..	1	1	61	....	....	....	....	....	....	4th.
Fredonia	C. W. Smith	Fredonia	J. B. Gaulding, W. S. Parks, Charlie Jones	5	3	1	..	2	3	86	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Liberty	J. E. Buchanan	Fairview	B. J. Caldwell, N. Fitzpatrick, T. D. Brandon	6	..	..	..	2	..	83	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Mt. Pleasant	G. W. Potter	Wallerville	G. W. Potter, I. Smith, C. O. Potter	..	1	..	..	7	4	133	104 75	20 85	7 85	10 00	170 00	313 45	1st.
Mt. Pisgah	I. Smith	Darden	J. T. Beard, S. M. Beard, D. Mitchell	11	10	1	1	9	1	130	....	....	....	....	....	....	2d.
Midway	I. M. Gray	Caswell	John Buse, W. P. Hutchinson, J. N. W. Herring	11	8	5	1	3	1	83	....	....	....	....	....	....	2d.
Macedonia	W. P. Hutchinson	Darden	W. J. Ray, George Green, Jas. Farrer	10	2	..	..	..	..	23	....	....	....	....	....	....	3d.
New Hope	W. F. Davis	Pontotoc	W. H. Seale, G. W. Sibley	2	3	..	1	1	2	102	....	....	....	....	....	....	1st.
New Albany	J. E. Buchanan	New Albany	G. S. Mitchell, E. Y. Reaves	5	1	3	..	..	..	65	....	....	....	....	....	....	3d.
Oak Grove	I. Smith	Myrtle	W. C. Beard, Wm. Gresham	2	..	..	..	11	..	114	....	....	....	....	....	....	1st.
Poplar Springs	F. M. Vines	Delay	L. W. Coffman, J. D. Hughes, S. A. Hughes	..	2	..	..	7	3	40	....	....	....	....	....	....	2d.
Pleasant Ridge	A. B. Smith	Graham	W. S. Greer, J. S. Chisholm	4	1	..	..	12	2	125	....	....	....	....	....	....	1st.
Pleasant Hill	I. Smith	Keowenville	J. M. Patterson, R. W. Gary, W. J. Robbins	15	1	3	..	7	4	158	....	....	....	....	....	....	4th.
Philadelphia	G. W. Potter	Walton	J. Baker, Wm. Gray, J. W. Adams	..	1	4	4	1	3	122	126 00	20 00	....	10 00	....	156 00	3d.
Piney Grove	W. H. Miller	Toccopola	J. P. Anderson	4	2	..	1	1	..	40	....	....	....	....	....	....	1st.
Pleasant Dale				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Spring Hill	W. A. Mayo	Pontotoc	W. L. Souter, Walter Souter, Jasper Smitherson	8	8	..	3	..	2	120	60 00	15 00	....	....	....	75 00	4th.
Shiloh	I. M. Gray	Lafayette Springs	G. E. Murphy, J. H. Goolsby, W. U. Hampton	1	..	1	..	3	1	103	69 00	12 50	4 00	....	....	85 50	2d.
Shady Grove	J. T. Pitts	Esperanza	S. H. Pitts, J. A. Rodger, J. F. Swords	6	..	1	..	4	..	73	....	....	....	....	....	....	1st.
Salem	W. G. Thompson	Bethlehem	Wm. Blackard	2	..	1	..	4	2	50	....	....	....	....	....	....	4th.
Spring Creek	I. M. Gray	Waterford	A. J. Gaines, H. D. Blaylock, W. H. Mitchell	4	4	5	..	5	1	116	....	....	....	....	....	....	1st.
Temperance Hill	D. E. Gambrell	Holly Springs	N. J. Harrell, D. E. Gambrell, T. C. Culwell	4	..	2	..	3	1	30	....	....	....	....	....	....	3d.
Toccopola	C. W. Smith	Toccopola	C. W. Smith, F. M. Ferrell, F. Souter	6	2	..	..	5	1	94	100 00	82 50	....	....	....	182 50	2d.
Union	F. M. Vines	Dallas	W. B. Huekaby	7	4	10	1	13	..	81	....	....	....	....	....	....	3d.
Zion Hill	R. J. Pickens	New Albany	J. P. Tate, J. C. Russell, A. L. Stephens	7	2	..	..	2	..	58	....	....	....	....	....	....	3d.
Totals				165	80	44	13	152	38	2768	$744 75	$287 50	$44 65	$42 25	$170 00	$1289 15	....

The Churches will all please report their Financial Statistics next year.—Clerk.